

# CIA Chief Colby Facing Confrontation on Chile Operations

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## News Analysis

Colby has agreed to appear at an unusual two-day conference of former agents, government officials and journalists on the subject of "The Central Intelligence Agency and Covert Operations."

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